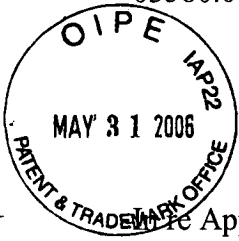


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AND METHOD FOR MANU-
FACTURING IMAGE PICK-UP
APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the continued examination of the above-identified application, pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2006, please enter the following amendments.

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